HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST (CLASSIFICATION/RECRUITMENT/PLACEMENT) GS-201

This series covers two-grade interval administrative positions that manage, supervise, administer, advise on or deliver human resources management products or services. This series includes the following specialties: Classification - work that involves position evaluation, establishing and maintaining a position classification program to determine appropriate pay system, occupational grouping, title and grade of positions, and advising on position and organization design; and Recruitment and Placement – work that involves recruiting, examining, selecting and placing employees, performing job analysis, workforce planning and analysis, and advising management in identifying, attracting, and retaining a high-quality and diverse workforce that is capable of accomplishing the organization's mission.

HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST – ENTRY LEVEL

| Competencies | Developmental Areas | Training Resources and Developmental Recommendations |
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| Knowledge of OPM, USDA, ARS, and delegated examining authority rules, regulations, and policies. Knowledge of position classification. Ability to process personnel actions. Skill in both oral and written communications. Skill in using personal computers. | Communications Management Human Resource Management Systems/Technology Management | TRAINING RESOURCES: Basic Communication Skills Fred Pryor Seminars SMART Center USDA Graduate School Clear Writing Through Critical Thinking Management Concepts, Inc. USDA Graduate School Basic Processing of Personnel Actions; Basic Pay Setting Training; Basic Position Classification; Basic Position Management; and Basic Staffing and Placement USDA Graduate School RPES Familiarization In-House Training (Human Resources Division/Location) Qualification Standards for GS positions In-House training (Human Resources Division/Location) Workplace Violence and Ethics Training In-House Training (Human Resources Division/Location) Civil Rights In-House Training (Equal Employment Opportunity Office) WordPerfect and GroupWise In-House Training (Information Technology Division) DEVELOPMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Planning for Career Advancement Shadow a Senior Human Resources Specialist View self-study videos on Staffing and Classification |

HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST – INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

| Competencies | Developmental Areas | Training Resources and Developmental Recommendations |
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| Knowledge of OPM, USDA, ARS, and delegated examining authority rules, regulations, and policies. Knowledge of Special Employment Programs. Knowledge of REE organizational structure, programs, and occupations. Skill in processing personnel actions. Skill in both oral and written communications. Skill and proficiency with personal computers. | Administrative Management Communications Management Human Resource Management Systems/Technology Management | Administrative Management Training In-House Training (Human Resources Division/Location) Communicating for Results; Clear Writing Through Critical Thinking; Effective Communication with Customers; Intermediate Business Writing; and Interpersonal Communications Management Concepts USDA Graduate School Job Analysis and KSA Examining; Qualifications Analysis Workshop; Processing Personnel Actions; and Qualifications Standards for GS/WG Positions USDA Graduate School New Panelist RPES Training In-House Training (Human Resources Division/Location) Civil Rights In-House Training (Equal Employment Opportunity Office) Workplace Violence and Ethics Training In-House Training (Human Resources Division/Location) Windows 95 In-House Training (Information Technology Division) DEVELOPMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Gain knowledge of Special Employment Programs Shadow a Human Resources Specialist on special or progressively complex projects Review self-study videos on staffing and classification |

HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST – ADVANCED LEVEL

| Competencies | Developmental Areas | Training Resources and Developmental Recommendations |
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| Knowledge of OPM, USDA, ARS, and delegated examining authority rules, regulations, and policies. Skill in processing personnel actions. Knowledge of Special Employment Programs. Skill in organization analysis. Knowledge of REE organizational structure, programs, and occupations. Skill in both oral and written communications. Skill and proficiency with personal computers. | Human Resource Management Systems/Technology Management | TRAINING RESOURCES: Advanced Position Classification; Advanced Staffing; Advanced Employee Relations; Job Analysis and KSA Examining Course; Qualifications Analysis Workshop; and Organizational Development USDA Graduate School Civil Rights In-House Training (Equal Employment Opportunity Office) Workplace Violence and Ethics Training In-House Training (Human Resources Division/Location) DEVELOPMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Detail assignment in another Human Resource discipline such as Employee Relations or Employee Development. Consider supervisory training |